

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A rotary compressor for which a refrigerant compression capacity is varied between plural stages is provided. The rotary compressor has a rotating shaft, a reversible motor to rotate the rotating shaft in a first or a second direction, first and second compression chambers in which a refrigerant compression stroke and an idle stroke are alternately performed in accordance with a rotating direction of the rotating shaft, a first sub-path allowing a predetermined point of the first compression chamber to communicate with a refrigerant intake side of the first compression chamber to control a compression capacity of the first compression chamber, a second sub-path allowing a predetermined point of the second compression chamber to communicate with a refrigerant intake side of the second compression chamber to control a compression capacity of the second compression chamber, and a path control unit to control opening ratios of the first and second sub-paths.